

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall, This was be the combined Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Present Parish Councillors-Mr J Eaves [chair]-Mr G Denny- Mr W Mason-Mr R Pitt-Mr R Edwards.

Clerk to the council Mr D Jones; Councillor Mr R Sutherland from 8.05pm.

No residents of the parish were in attendance.

Part 1; Annual parish assembly.

1; Chairman's welcome those present and the meeting started at 7.00pm.

2; Apologies for absence received from County Councillor Mr M Winnington.

3; Chairmans report on last year's council activities.

Council activities were somewhat curtailed during the year due to covid and meetings were both Zoom and in person at the village hall. There is a danger of this report being repetitive year on year so I will deal briefly with some issues which occurred since the last report.

The number of councillors has remained at 5 during the period and I am grateful to Derek, the Clerk, and fellow councillors for their involvement and dedication to council work. This has involved site meetings with contractors; county and borough councillors, and officers. The council also has representation on the village hall committee. The parish council has commissioned, and received, a condition report on trees on the main road through the village. The county council are the highway authority responsible for this matter and a copy of the report has been sent to them. Discussions are being held to determine the cost of the work required to be carried out and the timescale for completion. The council has also dealt with the issue of water on the bank on the main road through the village and will continue to liaise should any problems arise in the future. Footpaths continue to be monitored for condition purposes and any reports by walkers on work required are gratefully received. There were no civic amenity visits due to restrictions but they have been reinstated in 2022

I would again like to thank all residents who continue to pick up litter on a very regular basis to keep the village litter free. Councillors would ask that villagers continue to report any dog fouling where the owner does not pick up..

4; Councillor Sutherland;

Discussed Speedwatch and how it should operate. he promised to forwards details of notices etc for us to utilise in our village.

Part 2; Annual meeting of the Parish Council

1; Election of chairman; Proposed by Councillor Denny, seconded by Councillor Pitt, Councillor Eaves was confirmed as chair for the coming year.

2; Other council representatives; Councillors Mason and Eaves represent the council on the village hall committee.

3; No interests declared or dispensations required relating to items on the agenda

4; Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 9th March 2022 were accepted and signed as a true record.

5; Matters arising.

Trees on Hyde Lea bank; a copy of the survey was forwarded to Councillor Winnington and Highways, no response has been received to date.

Platinum Jubilee; The village hall have planned for 3 days of events during the jubilee weekend.

6; PicRights; an update.

Clerk outlined the current position. After a lengthy debate it was suggested that the Legal Officer at Stafford Borough be contacted for advice.

7; Financial matters;

A] payment of the following invoices was approved.

Autela Payroll	£66.32	Cheque No 1204
WEL Medical	£55.08	Cheque No 1205
M Kidd	£50.00	Cheque No 1206
SPCA	£149.04	Cheque No 1207
Rob Keysor	£600.00	Cheque No 1208
Stafford b C	£506.56	Cheque No 1209
Hyde Lea VH	£250.00	Cheque No 1210.

B] The annual accounts for 2021/2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting
RESOLUTION; accounts accepted unanimously

C]The Annual Governance statement for 2021/2022.The clerk explained the document and the councils responsibility

RESOLUTION; councillors agreed the statement and it was duly signed.

D]The Annual Accounting Statement for 2021/2022 was explained to the meeting.

RESOLUTION; councillors accepted the statement and it was duly signed.

E] The clerk explained that as the council's turnover was less than £25000 for the year ended March 2022 the council can consider themselves exempt from external audit.

RESOLUTION: councillors agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption.

8; Planning issues; no current planning applications.

9; Highways matters;

Speedwatch had been discussed previously but Councillor Pitt promised to do his best to get things moving again, but more volunteers were needed.

Hyde Lea bank; Highways promised some time ago to survey the drain running under the road with a camera. Nothing appears to have been done up to now.

10; Correspondence.

Weekly SPCA bulletin which is circulated.

Bulletins from Staffordshire Fire & Rescue.

Various advertising and other communications regarding the Jubilee.

Meeting ended at 8.50pm.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 13th July 2022, starting at 7.00pm.

Derek Jones, clerk to the council